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PART II

1. PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE, ADM. JIMENEZ, SPEAKING AS PERUVIAN DELEGATE INITIATED GENERAL DEBATE ON MARCH 13. PERUVIAN STATEMENT WAS BALANCED REHEARSAL OF THIRD WORLD VIEW OF CONFERENCE PURPOSES AND PERUVIAN NATIONAL EFFORTS. JIMENEZ SAID THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD ADDRESS ISSUES OF GLOBAL REDISTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE DESCRIBED PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH 60 PERCENT OF GLOBAL POPULATION PRODUCES 7 PERCENT OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS AS BEING IRRATIONAL AND WOULD REQUIRE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT ECONOMIC EQUITY. HIS COMMENTS ON NATIONAL EFFORTS WERE ESSENTIALLY A REHASH OF THOSE

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CONTAINED PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE. ON REGIONAL

LEVEL, HE SUGGESTED ANDEAN PACT AS A MODEL. ON GLOBAL LEVEL HE CALLED FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO STEP UP SUPPLY OF CREDITS, TECHNOLOGY AND FRESH TRADE OPPORTUNITIES. HE DESCRIBED FOREIGN INVESTMENT AS NEITHER INHERENTLY GOOD NOR BAD BUT REQUIRING PROPER NATIONAL REGULATIONS. HE DESCRIBED THE NEED FOR GREATER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS FOR UNIDO, WARNING THAT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES MUST BE FORTHCOMING. ON CONCILIATORY NOTE THAT PRESENT CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT EXACERBATE UNDERLYING TENTION OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, HE CLOSED HIS 30 MINUTE ADDRESS.

2. ZAIRE MINISTER MAKUALA THEN PRESENTED THE G-77 DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION TO THE CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77. HE DESCRIBED DOCUMENTS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. AT END OF DRY READING OF KEY PROVISIONS, HE SAID THAT PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IS PROOF OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND SAID THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE NEED FOR A NEW DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND LABOR.

3. INDIAN MINISTER PAI'S PEDESTERIAN STATEMENT CONTAINED USUAL CATALOG OF INDIAN SOPHISTRY, INCLUDING BOTH COMPLAINTS AND DEMANDS. WELCOME EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, WAS GIVEN TO NEED TO CONTROL POPULATION EXPLOSION. IN FACT HE SAID THAT TWO LIVELIEST ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ARE CONSPICUOUS WASTE OF WESTERN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND POPULATION INCREASE IN LDCS. CLEAVING TO THE CURRENT INDIAN POSITION, HE SAID THAT THE OIL PRODUCERS COULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE THE GENERAL PRICE INCREASES AND INFLATION HAD STARTED WITH FOOD GRAINS AND FERTILIZERS. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT CARTELS WERE NOT NECESSARILY THE MEANS TO ACHIEVE REASONABLE PRICE STABILITY FOR LDC RAW MATERIALS. HE FAILED TO ENDORSE INDEXATION, SAYING RATHER THAT SOME KIND OF COORDINATION IS REQUIRED BETWEEN THE PRICES OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS. HE FELL SHORT OF ENDORSING SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS, SAYING ONLY THAT ADDITIONAL AUTONOMY OR SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS MUST BE COUPLED WITH ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES PRINCIPALLY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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4. PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT GRANT, HEAD OF UK DELEGATION CITED LOME CONVENTION AS BREAKTHROUGH IN DC-LDC RELATIONSHIPS. NOTING THAT HE REPRESENTED DEMOCRAT SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, HE CLAIMED THAT UK INTERNATIONAL POLICY LIKE DOMESTIC POLICY HAD OBJECTIVE OF REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. HE DESCRIBED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRO-INDUSTRIES AS FIRST PRIORITY IN ANY INDUSTRIALIZATION SCHEME. EXPRESSING DOUBT THAT SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS WOULD CONTRIBUTE

TO UNIDO'S EFFECTIVENESS, HE SAID UK WOULD SUPPORT STUDY OF UNIDO'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

5. YUGOSLAV MINISTER ILIJEVIC, SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN, WAS ONLY SPEAKER THUS FAR TO "REGRET ABSENCE OF PRG AND GRUNK". OTHER-WISE STATEMENT WAS UNINTERESTING. THE FIRST OPEC MEMBER TO SPEAK, KUWAIT, DELIVERED SHORT PROTOCOL-TYPE STATEMENT DEVOID OF ANY SUBSTANCE. THE ROMANIAN STATEMENT WAS UNINSPIRED, HARPING ON THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE LINKAGE OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS.

6. SENEGALESE MINISTER ALEXANDRENNE DELIVERED SOLID STATEMENT CONTAINING FORTHRIGHT STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST COMBINED WITH THIRD WORLD CONCERNS. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMEROON WAS ALSO RELATIVELY BALANCED AS HE REVIEWED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE BALANCED AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID THAT DCS SHOULD PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BANGLADESH CALLED FOR YET ANOTHER SPECIAL FUND, THIS ONE TO FINANCE MASS PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIALS FOR EXISTING INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. PAKISTAN APPEALED FOR GENERAL REDISTRIBUTION OF GLOBAL WEALTH, PARTICULARLY CALLING FOR A DIVERSION OF PETRODOLLARS TO LDCS. THE IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE RECALLED THE SHAHS PROPOSAL FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH EQUAL PARTICIPATION BY OIL PRODUCERS, DCS AND LDC RECIPIENTS.

7. THE WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVE FUCHS OUTLINED CONCLUSIONS OF A BANK STUDY ON INDUSTRIAL PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. STUDY INDICATED THAT LDCS, IF CHINA INCLUDED, WOULD ACHIEVE 25 PERCENT OF GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. SHARE OF POOREST AND MOST POPULACE OF LDCS, HOWEVER, WOULD DECLINE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT WAS RATHER TECHNICAL AND DRY QUESTIONING OF G-77 TARGET, AND MADE POINT THAT MAJOR GAP IS GROWING WITHIN DEVELOPING WORLD.

8. MANY SPEAKERS OF ALL STRIPES HAVE STRESSED ESSENTIALLY OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL EFFORT AND NEED FOR COUNCILLIATORY APPROACH BETWEEN GROUPS MEETING AT LIMA.
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